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MONROE COUNTY HOSTS 9th ANNUAL CAREERS IN CONSTRUCTION DAY

Event Promotes Career Opportunities to Area Students

Monroe County Executive Maggie Brooks and City of Rochester Commissioner of Economic Development Carlos Carballada held a ceremony this morning to kick-off the 9th annual Careers in Construction Day at the Monroe County Fleet Center.

Over 1,000 students in grades 8 through 12 are participating in this year's event and learning about career opportunities in the construction industry from Rochester Careers in Construction Corps (RCCC) and several exhibitors. Students learn concepts behind completing construction projects for houses, commercial buildings, roadways and bridges.

*"Construction is a vital industry in our area and 'Careers in Construction Day' is a great way to teach students about the many opportunities available in the field," said **Brooks**. "This event is also another way for us to help retain young people in our community, by linking them with local employers and job opportunities. Monroe County is proud to partner with RCCC once again on this year's event."*

During the event, student groups participate in hands-on job skill exhibits showcasing activities involved in the design and building process. Students in grades 11 and 12 also have the opportunity to operate construction equipment such as backhoes, bulldozers and excavators.

*"The construction industry is an excellent career choice for students in that there are so many diverse aspects to the business," said **Brian Sampson**, Vice President, Rochester Builder's Exchange and Chair of RCCC. "The employment potential for the construction industry is excellent, due to current and anticipated shortages of skilled workers."*

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